

CALVERT COUNTY GOVERNMENT UPDATES FOR CITIZENS

Friday, Oct. 23, 2020



No Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) Meeting Next Week

The next scheduled meeting of the board is Tuesday, Nov. 10.

In case you missed the BOCC meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 20, we encourage you to watch the video and/or review the minutes.

Calvert County Receives AAA Credit Ratings for Fifth Consecutive Assessment

The BOCC announces the county has, for the fifth consecutive assessment, received AAA credit ratings from three independent credit rating agencies. Fitch Ratings, Moody's Investors Services and S&P Global Ratings assigned Calvert County their highest ratings due to the county's strong economy, robust revenues and sound financial management. For more information on the ratings, visit the <u>Calvert County Government news</u>.



Click on the image above for a Calvert County Election Board Public Service Announcement

Submit Your Mail-In Ballot Until Nov. 3

There are seven drop boxes available throughout Calvert County for voters to submit their mail-in ballots. Voters who requested and have received a mail-in ballot can submit their voted ballot in any of these secure drop boxes 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, until Nov. 3 at 8 p.m.

Drop boxes are secure and ballots are retrieved daily by Board of Elections staff at the following locations:

Community Resources Building - 30 Duke St., Prince Frederick, 20678

Northern High School - 2950 Chaneyville Road, Owings, 20736

Huntingtown High School - 4125 Solomons Island Road, Huntingtown, 20639

Calvert High School - 520 Fox Run Blvd., Prince Frederick, 20678

Patuxent High School - 12485 Southern Connector Blvd., Lusby, 20657

Northeast Community Center - 4075 Gordon Stinnett Ave., Chesapeake Beach, 20732

Southern Community Center - 20 Appeal Lane, Lusby, 20657

Voting Transportation

Calvert County public transportation is available to help voters get to vote centers and drop box locations during early voting and on Election Day. Residents are encouraged to make their voting transportation plans now in order to ensure they have a ride to cast their vote in the general election. For information on county transportation services for early voting and on Election Day, visit the <u>Calvert County Government website</u>.

Grant Provides Financial Relief for Local Businesses and Nonprofits

More than 280 Calvert County businesses and nonprofits have received much needed financial assistance through the Calvert County COVID-19 Small Business and Nonprofit Relief Fund Grant, to cover expenses incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Through two rounds of funding, a total of \$865,500 in grants awarded to 224 businesses were processed through the Department of Economic Development: 91 sole proprietors were awarded grants of \$1,500 each; 101 micro businesses received grants of \$5,000 each; and 32 small businesses received \$7,000 each. For more information about the grant program and grant awardees, view the grant summary PDF online.



Help for Local Families in Need

Calvert County Family Network is Calvert County
Government's Local Management Board (LMB), under the
Department of Community Resources. The LMB receives
Maryland Children's Cabinet funding to address prioritized
needs facing children, youth and families in our
community. Addressing pediatric mental health issues is a
major priority for the LMB. Almost one-third of Calvert

County High School students report feeling sad or hopeless almost every day for more than two weeks in a row. CalvertHealth has reported increased pediatric hospitalizations due to mental health. Studies show that mental health is often rooted in childhood trauma.

In partnership with the Health Department, Calvert Library and Calvert County Public Schools the LMB hosts <u>OurCalvert.com</u>, a resource site for children, youth and families. The site includes an extensive list of <u>mental health resources</u> and providers in our community. Additionally, it's important families know who to go to for help, one of the toughest challenges families face with mental health is overcoming its stigma. If you or someone you know is in crisis, refer them to one of the hotlines below:

- Text "HOME" to 741741 to connect with a Crisis Counselor
- 24 Hour crisis helpline: 410-535-1121 or 301-855-1075
- Teen helpline 410-257-2216
- National teen suicide line 1-800-422-0009
- Recovery rapid response 877-467-5628

Stay Safe this Halloween

Halloween will likely need to be different this fall to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The CDC recommends avoiding activities that are higher risk for spread.

Consider <u>fun alternatives</u> that can be found on the CDC website that pose lower risk of spreading the virus.





Explore What You Love This Fall in Calvert County

Visit the <u>Calvert County Tourism Calendar of Events</u> online for informative and entertaining activities!

Enjoy the splendor of autumn by visiting a local farm and picking produce to spruce up your fall décor or take to the bay for a trip on a bugeye boat.

Find courses to create personalized art with your family or see what's happening around the county by checking out attractions either in person or virtually from the comfort of your couch!

Calvert County Government continues to share the latest updates surrounding our county's response to COVID-19 including any precautionary measures, guidance and closures through a <u>virtual resource center</u>. You can also receive updates on the <u>county's Facebook page</u> and Comcast Channel 6.

Visit the Calvert County Government website for <u>past editions of Calvert Currents</u>.



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